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PATENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 05725.0656-01000

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)
Véronique FERRARI et al.	) Group Art Unit: 1615
Application No.: 09/685,577	) Examiner: J. VENKAT
Filed: October 11, 2000	) )
For: COMPOSITIONS STRUCTURED WITH AT LEAST ONE POLYMER AND METHODS OF USING THE SAME (as amended)	) Confirmation No.: 5696 ) ) )

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

## **STATUS INQUIRY**

According to the records of Applicants' undersigned representative, the above-identified application was filed on October 11, 2000. A Notice of Allowance was issued on May 16, 2005; however, Applicants did not pay the Issue Fee, but instead filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) on August 16, 2005. As of today, more than seven (7) months after filing the RCE, Applicants have yet to receive a response to that RCE.

The undersigned respectfully requests that the Office advise her of the status of this application as soon as possible, in order to determine whether further action by the Applicants is required at this time.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: April 10, 2006

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